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SUBJ: OPPOSITION AND THE ESTABLISHMENT IN POLAND

1. FLORA LEWIS OF THE NEW YORK TIMES TOLD THE EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR ON JANUARY 14 THAT SHE HAD DISCUSSED DISSIDENCE IN POLAND WITH A NUMBER OF PZPR OFFICIALS DURING THE PAST WEEK AND WAS STRUCK BY THEIR TENDENCY TO DESCRIBE THEMSELVES AS THE "ESTABLISHMENT", AND THEIR CRITICS AS "DISSIDENTS", OF THE "OPPOSITION."

2. SEVERAL PARTY LEADERS ASSURED HER THAT THERE WOULD BE NO ARRESTS OF THE DISSIDENTS. THESE OFFICIALS, SHE ADDED, HAD BEEN SHAKEN BADLY BY THE RECENT LETTER SIGNED BY 172 PERSONS DEMANDING THAT THE SEJM INVESTIGATE THE GOVERNMENT HANDLING OF RADOM AND URSUS EVENTS. THE PZPR HAD ANALYZED THE LETTER AND FOUND THAT ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF THE SIGNATORIES WERE "NEW
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FACES," INCLUDING THE CURRENT TOP FILM ACTOR DANIEL OLDRYCHSKI AND HIS POP-STAR GIRL FRIEND, MARYLA RODOWICZ.

3. LEWIS SAID SHE WAS TOLD HOW THE PZPR HOPED TO HANDLE THE "NEW FACES", WHICH SHE DESCRIBED AS "OPERATION QUARANTINE." THE PZPR APPARENTLY INTENDS TO ISOLATE THE "NEW FACES" FROM THE OTHER ONE-THIRD OF THE SIGNATORIES ALL OF WHOM HAVE A RECORD OF

PARTICIPATING IN PRGOEST ACTIONS. THE PARTY WILL THEN ATTEMPT TO "PERSUADE" THE NEWCOMERS NOT TO BECOME INVOLVED. BEHIND PARTY THINKING, SHE EXPLAINED, IS OPTIMISM THAT THE TOUCHY DOMESTIC ECONOMIC SITUATION WILL BE UNDER FIRM CONTROL BY THE END OF 1977, AND THAT THIS WILL LEAD TO GREATLY LESSENER SUPPORT FOR THE CRITICS OF THE PZPR.

4. LEWIS ALSO SAID RECENT CZECHOSLOVAK AND EAST GERMAN REPRESSIVE ACTIONS, ESPECIALLY CZECH ARREST OF SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION OF 77, HAS PROVIDED THE PZPR A MEASURE OF SCHADENFREUDE. SEVERAL PARTY OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY REMARKED TO HER THAT THE CZECHS AND EAST GERMANS NOW CAN NO LONGER LECTURE THEM ON HOW TO HANDLE DISSIDENTS EFFECTIVELY.
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